MINUTES

OF THE

MUSKINGUM

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

BUELAH CHURCH

August 25, 26 and 27th, 1876.

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Of the Muskingum Baptist Association held with the Buelah Church, Muskingum County, Ohio, August 25th, 26th and 27th, 1876.

August 25th, 10 o'clock, A. M. The introductory sermon was preached according to appointment by Elder Wm. Butler, from 2d Timothy, 4th Chapter and 2d Verse. The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former moderator and read. The Messengers names enrolled and statistics noted as follows;

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.	MINISTERS AND TIMES OF HOLDING MEETINGS.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Deceased	Total.	Contribution.
Falls of Licking, Muskingum Co. R. J. Smith, G. W. Prior, Wm. Butler.	John Croy, 2d Lord's day. Wm. Butler, 4th Lord's day.	7				2	60	4. 50
Hopewell, Perry county, Alexander Melick, Eli Goble	D. G. Barker, 1st Lord's day.	1	1			1	22	3. 25
Union Perry Co Jacob Grove, Samuel Burniff,	Meeting 4th Lord's day. No regular Pastor.						17	3. 50
Lancaster, Fairfield county, Jonas Fartig, George Staver, Theo. Carpenter.	William Fisher 4th Lord's day.						20	1. 45
Lexington, Perry county, Wm Davis, G. W. Moore.	John J. Vanhorn, 4th Lord's day.	1					33	3. 20
Timber Run, Muskingum county, G. D. Burley, Robert Boling. John J. Vanhorn	Wm. Butler, 3d Lord's day,	2				1	24	2.
Bethel, Noble Co., John Jourdan, Adam Jourdan, John Gill,	E. Barker, 1st Lord's day.	10		1		1	41	4. 55
Buelah, Muskingum county, Stephen Francis, John C. Crown, S. Readment.	John Prichard, 1st Lord's day.					1	35	4. 65
Uniontown, Muskingum county, L. Richards,	John Croy, 3d Lord's day.						16	1. 40
York, Morgan Co. L. Burley, Wm Newlon, Isaac Bennet.	John J. Vanhorn, 2d Lord's day.	3				2	14	2. 25

Zoar, Muskingum county,	No letter nor Messenger.							1. 50
Mt. Oliver, Morgan county John Croy, C. M. Mathews,	John Croy, 1st Lord's day.						I6	1. 00
Scotts Creek, Hocking county, David G. Barker. Albert Parker, A. Nixon.	D. G. Barker, 2d Lord's day.	5	1		1		72	4. 50
Goshen, Muskingum county, Peter Ogan, Thos. Humphrey, E. B. Garrett.	Peter Ogan, 4th Lord's day.					6	35	2. 00
Harmony, Perry county,	Not heard from.							
Enon. Guernsey Co	Not heard from.							0. 70
Pleasant Hill, Licking county, Jno. W. Painter, A. B. Clagget, Mathew T. Porter.	Wm. Butler, 1st Lord's day.	2				3	59	5. 00
Jonathan Creek, Licking county, John Winegardner Peter Gutridge, Eph. Barker,	E. Barker, 4th Lord's day.	1	5			6	45	2 00
Monday Creek, Perry county, Samuel Croy, Andeew Skinner,	Wm. Newlon, 1st Lord's day.	3	2			2	20	2. 10
St. Louisville, Licking county. John Prichard, Joseph Stevens, Ely Dush.	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day.	1			2	1	38	4. 00
Fallsburg, Licking county, John Frost, Wm. Painter.	John Crabtree, 3d Lords day.	1				1	18	2. 67
Friendship, at Hog Run, Licking Co. Alfred Beall, P. W. Brubaker.	Benj. Lampton and John Boling, alternate 3d Lord's day.					4	37	3. 10
Friendship, near Linville, Licking county. Samuel Meradith, Lewis Kagay.	Lewis Kagay and Samuel Meredith alternate, 2d Lord's day.	3					15	1. 50
Harmony, Licking county, J. P. Taylor, Samuel Reigg.	J. P. Talor, 3d Lord's day.						13	2. 25
Total,								

Post Office Address of Ministers.

John Crabtree, Hanover, Licking County, Ohio.
Samuel Meredith, Lynville, Licking County, Ohio.
John J. Vanhorne, Zanesville, Ohio, Box 378.
John Parker, New Holland Pickaway County, Ohio.
Alexander Teal, Glendale, Guernsey County, Ohio.
James Janeway, New Holland, Pickaway County, Ohio.
David G. Barker, Logan, Hocking County, Ohio, Box 320.
Neelee Greenlee, Arbuckle, Mason County, West. Va.
Wootson Melton, Buffalo Putnam County; W. Va.
Ephraim Barker, Gratiot, Licking County, Ohio.
Peter Ogan, Cumberland, Guernsey County, Ohio.
Wm. Butler, West Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio.
John Bolin, Newark, Licking County, Ohio.
John Pritchard, St. Louisville, Licking County, Ohio.
Daniel Scofield, New Salem, Fairfield County, Ohio.
John Croy, Elliott's Cross Roads, Morgan County, Ohio,
Wm. Newlon, Portersville, Perry County, Ohio.
Geo. Burley, Hopewell, Muskingum County, Ohio,
J. P. Taylor, Hope, Franklin County, Ohio.
Wm. Fisher, Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio.
Silas Debolt, Upper Sandusky, Wyandot County, Ohio.
G. N. Tusing, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.
Louis Kagy, Lynville, Licking County, Ohio.

G. W, MOORE, Clerk, New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio.

Preaching on the Stand.

FRIDAY, P. M.—Wm. Newlon, Deut. 32, 9, 10, 11.
Samuel Merideth, Col. 2, 6.
SATUADAY—Elder Seitz, Psalms 84, 11.
Elder Cole, Heb. 12; 28, 29, Elder Melton, Prov. 4, 3, 4.
Elder Barker, Matthew 28, 10, 20.
SUNDAY—Elder Dodd, 1 Peter, 3, 15.
Elder Sherwood, John 10, 11.
Elder Tusing, Corint. 15, 56.

NOTE.—Saturday before the Lords day mentioned in the above table, is the day of business of the respective Churches.

ADJOURNED UNTIL 1½ O'CLOCK.

1½ o'clock, P. M., Association met pursuant to adjournment, Prayer by Rev. Elder Seitz.

1st. The messengers name were called.

2d. Organized for the present session by choosing Elder Wm. Butler, Moderator and G. W. Moore, Clerk.

3d. The Constitution and Articles of faith were read.

4th. Committees appointed as follows: Of arrangements, Elders, Jno J. Vanhorn, D. G. Barker and G. D. Burley; On Preaching, the messengers of Beulah Church; On funds, Brethren Beall, Nixon and Burriff; On visitation meetings Brethren, Painter; Porter and Dush.

5th. Churches wishing to unite with this Association called for.

6th. Correspondence from Sister Associations called for and presented as follows:

Miami—Elder Wm. Dodd and minutes.
Scioto—Elder Thomas Cole and minutes.
Sandusky—Elder Louis Seitz, junior and minutes.
Pocotalico—Elder Weston Melton.
Owl creek Harmony—by minutes.

7th. Associations wishing to open correspondence with this Association called for.

8th. Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations were appointed as follows

Miami—Elder John Pritchard.

Scioto—Elder D. G. Barker.
Sandusky—Elder John J. Vanhorn.
Pocotalico—By minutes.
Owl Creek Harmony—Elder D. G. Barker.

9th. The circular letter written by Elder John Croy and the corresponding letter written by Elder E. Barker were called for, read and referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

10th. The Committee on preaching report Elder's Lewis Seitz, jr,, Thomas Cole, D. G. Barker and Weston Milton for to-morrow.

11. Adjourned until to morrow at 10 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder Melton.

Saturday, August 26th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Sherwood.

1st. The messengers names were called.

2d. The committee of arrangements report the minutes of last year as the order of business.

The report was adopted.

3rd. The circular and corresponding letters were adopted.

4th. The committee on visitation meetings report, Falls of Licking 5th Lords day in October, Elder Meredith and Taylor.

*H*opewell, 1st Lords day in November, Elder Pritchard.

Union, 5th Lords day in April Elders Pritchard and Boling.

Lexington, 4th Lords day in May, Elders Pritchard and Vanhorn.

Bethel, 1st Lords day in November, Elder Taylor.

Beulah, 1st Lords day in June, Elders Tusing, Cole and Pritchard.

Uniontown, 1st Lords day in November, Elder Vanhorn.

Goshen, 2d Lords day in October, Elder E. Barker.

Pleasant Hill, 5th, Lords day in October, Elders Tusing, Cole, and 5th Lords day in April, Elder Sherwood.

Jonathans Creek, 4th, Lords day in October, Elders Pritchard and E. Barker.

St. Louisvillle, 4th, Lords day in November, Elder Butler.

Fallbsurg, 2d, Lords day in June, Elders Cole and E. Barker

Friendship, at Hog Run, 3d Lords day in February, Elder Pritchard.

Friendship, near Lynville, 5th Lords day in October, Elders John Croy and Boling.

Harmony, Licking County, 3d, Lords day in October, Elder Merideth and 5th Lords day in December, Elder E. Barker.

The above meeting to commence on Sunday before the Lords day mentioned at 11 o'clock. The report was adopted.

5th. Elder Butler to write the circular, and Eld. Pritchard the corresponding letters for next year.

6th. The next Association will be held with the Lexington church in New Lexington, Perry county, Ohio, to commence on Wednesday, before tde 4th, Lords day in August. 1877, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Br.

7th. Committee on funds report $61,67 appropriated as follows: Minutes $20, Clere $5 correspondence, Miami $12,56, Sandusky $12,56, Owl Creek Harmony $12,56. The report was adopted.

8th. The Committee on preaching reported Elders Dodd, Sherwood and Tussing for to-morrow. Report was adopted.

9th. Adjourned to the time and place above written. Benediction by Elder Dodd.

WM. BUTLER, Moderator.

G. W. MOORE, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Muskingum Baptist Association held with the Buelah Church, in Muskingum County, Ohio, August 25th, 26th and 27th A. D., 1876

To the Churches of which she is composed sendeth Christian love :

Dear Brethren In Christ, another year of our pilgrimage on earth has rolled around, and we are blessed with this great privilege of assembling together in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to speak and hear of his wondrous love toward his people. We propose for your serious consideration, Scriptural Charity. Charity and love to God and man are terms synonymous in the Scriptures of truth, charity implies nothing short of having the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. We are informed by the Apostle to the Gentiles that, though I speak with the tongues of men and of Angels, though I have the gift of prophesying and understood all mysteries and all knowledge, have all

faith so that I could remove mountains, and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Love to God, also implies love to all his attributes ten thousand time dearer to the child of grace than life itself, with all its sublinary enjoyments, truth like its author is altogether lovely, thy servant loveth it. Well may every heaven born soul love it with a single heart. Did not our hearts burn whithin us said the desciples while he talked with us by the way and opened to us the scriptures. Love to God implies a love to Gods commandments for this is the love of God saith John that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not grievious, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

Charity also implies love to the brethren, and love one another with a pure heart fervently, beloved saith John let us love one another, for love is of God and every one that loveth is born of God for God is love, but touching brotherly love ye your selves are taught of God to love one another. Charity also implies love to our enemies, but I say unto you, says the Reedeemer, love your enemies, bless them that curse you do good to them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you. Persecution is inevitable in some form or other while in this world of sin and sorrow, but dear brethren and sisters consider the words of the apostle, who shall seperate us from the love of christ which is in Christ Jesus our lord. Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword, nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us, for I am pursuaded that neither death nor life nor angels principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come nor height nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our lord. But now we see through a glass darkly and our finite minds can comprehend but little of the love of god to his children, but in that heavenly city we shall see face to face and know even as we are known, and now dear brethren knowing these things, we see the importance and necessity of walking in the truth, then let us earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Stand fast in the faith, be of one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus, the Lord, so walk ye in him, rooted and grounded in love built up in him and establish in the faith. Now brethren we commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified, he is abundantly able to keep you from falling and to present you faltless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

To the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever—— Amen.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the several associations with whom she corresponds sendeth christian love. Very dear brethren in the Lord through the goodness and tender mercies of our heavenly father we have met as an association, Our meeting has been one of peace an concord. We are very grateful for this our christian correspondence and wish a continuance of the same. We have been much refreshed by the coming of your messengers. By reference to the minutes you will learn when and where we meet the coming year, until then and forever may we live in peace: Farewell.

Dear Father Frank i will
send you a minute so you
can see how things is going
on in our Association

Ezra C Hurd